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BY-LAWS
— OF —
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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF NEW YORK,)
 COUNTY OF KINGS,)
 CITY OF BROOKLYN,) ss.:

We, the undersigned citizens of the United States and citizens of the State of New York, to wit: Benjamin D. Silliman, Calvin E. Pratt, Ripley Ropes, Charles Storrs, Hiram W. Hunt, William B. Kendall, and John Winslow, do hereby certify, that we desire to form a Society pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "An Act for the Incorporation of Societies or Clubs for certain lawful purposes," passed May 12, 1875, and of the act extending and amending said act.

That the corporate name of said Society is to be THE NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY IN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN, and the objects for which such Society is formed are to encourage the study of New England History, and for such purpose to establish a Library, and also for social purposes, and to promote charity and good fellowship among its members.

That the term of existence of the said Society is to be fifty years.

That the number of Directors who shall manage the concerns of said Society shall be twelve, and the names of such Directors for the first year are the following, to wit: Benjamin D. Silliman, John Winslow, Calvin E. Pratt, Henry W. Slocum, Wm. B. Kendall, Charles Storrs, Wm. H. Lyon, Ripley Ropes, Geo. H. Fisher, Hiram W. Hunt, A. S. Barnes, A. W. Tenney.

That the name of the City in which the operations of such Society are to be carried on, is the City of Brooklyn, in the County of Kings, and State of New York.

- Witness:
 JOHN HEYDINGER, JR.

BENJ. D. SILLIMAN,
 C. E. PRATT,
 RIPLEY ROPES,
 JOHN WINSLOW,
 HIRAM W. HUNT,
 CHAS. STORRS,
 WM. B. KENDALL.

Gift
 W. C. Ford

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STATE OF NEW YORK,)
 COUNTY OF KINGS,) ss.
 CITY OF BROOKLYN,)

On this 26th day of February, A. D. 1880, before me personally appeared, Benj. D. Silliman, Calvin E. Pratt, Ripley Ropes, Chas. Storrs, Hiram W. Hunt, William B. Kendall, and John Winslow, to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and they severally, before me signed the said certificate, and acknowledged that they signed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

{ Notarial }
 { Seal. }

JOHN HEYDINGER, JR.,
Notary Public,
 Kings County, N. Y.

I hereby approve the within Certificate, and consent that it be filed.

J. W. GILBERT,
J. S. C.

Filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings and in the Office of the Secretary of State, at Albany, February 27th, 1880. for the Incorporators, by

JOHN WINSLOW.

For particulars concerning eligibility, admission, membership, fees and dues, see Article Two, page 7.

A. E. LAMB, *Secretary,*
 377 Fulton St., Brooklyn,
 WM. B. KENDALL, *Treasurer,*
 100 Worth St., New York.

OFFICERS.

President :

BENJAMIN D. SILLIMAN.

First Vice-President :

JOHN WINSLOW.

Second Vice-President :

CHARLES STORRS.

Treasurer :

WILLIAM B. KENDALL.

Recording Secretary :

ALBERT E. LAMB.

Corresponding Secretary :

REV. A. P. PUTNAM.

Historiographer :

ALDEN J. SPOONER.

Librarian :

REV. W. H. WHITTEMORE.

DIRECTORS.

For One Year.

JOHN WINSLOW,
CALVIN E. PRATT,
A. W. TENNEY.

From December, 1880.

For Two Years.

RIPLEY ROPES,
A. S. BARNES,
HENRY W. SLOCUM.

For Three Years.

BENJAMIN D. SILLIMAN,
HIRAM W. HUNT,
GEORGE H. FISHER.

For Four Years.

WILLIAM H. LYON.
WM. B. KENDALL,
CHARLES STORRS.

COUNCIL.

ALEXANDER M. WHITE,
A. A. LOW,
HORACE B. CLAFLIN,
JOHN B. HUTCHINSON,
CHARLES PRATT,
S. B. CHITTENDEN,
JOSHUA M. VAN COTT,
JOHN F. HENRY,
R. CORNELL WHITE,
ALBERT WOODRUFF,
AMOS ROBBINS,
E. H. R. LYMAN,
LEONARD RICHARDSON,
CHARLES E. BILL,
WILLIAM COIT,

HENRY E. PIERREPONT,
JOHN GREENWOOD,
CHARLES E. WEST,
CHARLES L. BENEDICT,
GEORGE G. REYNOLDS,
S. L. WOODFORD.
THOMAS H. RODMAN,
BENJ. F. TRACY,
E. R. DURKEE,
GORDON L. FORD,
D. L. NORTHROP,
E. S. SANFORD,
ARTHUR MATHEWSON,
AUGUSTUS STORRS,
JAMES HOW.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE :

CHARLES STORRS,

WILLIAM H. LYON,

GEORGE H. FISHER.

CHARITY :

RIPLEY ROPES,

HENRY W. SLOCUM,

A. W. TENNEY.

INVITATIONS :

BENJAMIN D. SILLIMAN,

REV. A. P. PUTNAM,

JOHN WINSLOW.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL :

WM. B. KENDALL,

CALVIN E. PRATT,

HIRAM W. HUNT.

PUBLICATIONS :

JOHN WINSLOW,

A. S. BARNES,

CHARLES STORRS.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

The New England Society in the City of Brooklyn is incorporated and organized, to commemorate the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers ; to encourage the study of New England history ; to establish a library, and to promote charity, good fellowship and social intercourse among its members.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP, ADMISSION FEE AND DUES.

Any male person of good moral character who is a native or descendant of a native of any of the New England States, and who is eighteen years old or more is eligible to, and may be elected a member of the Society at any meeting thereof, or at any meeting of the Board of Directors : *Provided*, that no person so elected shall have or exercise any right or privilege of membership before paying the admission fee to the Treasurer.

The admission fee shall be ten dollars.

The dues shall be five dollars a year, and shall be payable in the month of January in each year.

Dues not paid on or before the first day of November in each year shall be deemed in arrears.

No member in arrears shall vote at any meeting of the Society or be eligible to any office therein.

If the dues of any member shall remain unpaid for a period exceeding one year, the Board of Directors may expel such member for non-payment of dues.

Any member of the Society in good standing may become a Life Member on paying to the Treasurer the sum of fifty dollars; or on paying a sum which in addition to dues previously paid by him shall amount to fifty dollars, and thereafter such member shall be exempt from further payment of dues.

If, for any cause, any person shall cease to be a member of the Society, all the right, title and interest of such person in and to the funds and property of the Society, shall revert to and be vested in the Society.

ARTICLE III.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

The Annual Meeting of the Society, for the election of Directors, and other business, shall be held the first Wednesday in December, at such hour and place as the Directors may determine. The Recording Secretary shall publish (in two daily newspapers in the City of Brooklyn) a notice of such meeting, six consecutive days prior thereto, and shall send a copy of such notice by mail, post-paid, to each member of the Society. The twelve Directors elected at the first Annual Meeting of the Society, having been divided into four classes of three Directors each, as provided by law, it is hereby provided, that at every Annual

Meeting hereafter, the members of the Society shall elect by ballot, three Directors who shall hold office for four years, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION.

The Officers of the Society shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Historiographer and Librarian.

Such Officers shall be elected by the Directors at the first meeting of the Board after the Annual Meeting of the Society, and shall hold office for the term of one year, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

It shall be the duty of the Directors to control and manage the affairs and funds of the Society ; to elect officers ; to fill vacancies in the Board ; to elect members and honorary members to and Standing Committees and Council of the Society ; and to do all lawful things which they may deem expedient and proper to promote the objects of the Society. Seven of the Directors shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors.

In his absence the First Vice-President, or in his absence the Second Vice-President, or in the absence of all such officers, at any meeting of the Society, one of its members may be selected to preside thereat. In the absence of all such officers, at any meeting of the Board of Directors, one of the Directors may be selected to preside thereat.

At the Annual Meeting of the Society, it shall be the duty of the President to make a report, stating such matters as he may deem of interest or importance to the Society.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, to take charge of the seal, money, funds and securities of the Society ; to pay all bills and accounts ; to collect all sums of money and accounts, fees and dues ; to keep a record of all moneys received and paid, and render an account thereof to the Board of Directors ; to report to the Society at the Annual Meeting, and to perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to call, as herein provided, all meetings of the Members, Directors, and Council of the Society ; to make and keep a record of the acts and proceedings of such meetings ; to notify all persons of their election as Members, Directors, Officers,

Council or Standing Committees of the Society ; to furnish the President data for his Annual Report ; to prepare and have printed annually a pamphlet containing the names of the Officers, Directors, Council, Members and Committees of the Society, the By-Laws, and an account of the proceedings at the Annual Meeting and Festival ; and to perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Board of Directors and the Standing Committees.

ARTICLE IX.

DUTIES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct such correspondence as may be required by the Board of Directors and the Standing Committees.

ARTICLE X.

DUTIES OF THE HISTORIOGRAPHER.

It shall be the duty of the Historiographer to prepare the necrology of members, to keep a record of the deaths of members, the place and date of their birth and death, and the date of their admission to the Society ; and on the last day of November in each year, to make a copy of such record for the preceding year, and to deliver such copy to the President three days before the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

DUTIES OF THE LIBRARIAN.

It shall be the duty of the Librarian to classify, catalogue and take charge of all books, pamphlets and relics

which may become the property of the Society ; to acknowledge all donations of books, pamphlets and relics, and to make and deliver to the President three days before the Annual Meeting, a report of the condition of the Library.

ARTICLE XII.

ELECTION AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL.

The Directors shall elect, annually, a Council of thirty members who shall hold office for one year from their election, or until their successors are elected. Members of the Council may advise and consult with the Directors and Officers on matters of interest or importance to the Society.

ARTICLE XIII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In the month of January or February in each year, the Board of Directors shall elect five Standing Committees, consisting of three persons each: a Committee on Finance; a Committee on Charity; a Committee on Invitations; a Committee on Annual Festival; a Committee on Publications. Each of such Committees may consist of two Directors and one member of the Society, and shall hold office for the term of one year or until their successors are elected, and shall be subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIV.

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance, to audit all Bills and Accounts of the Society, in the months

of June and November in each year, and to perform such other duties relating to the accounts, funds and finances of the Society, as may be assigned them by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV.

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Charity, to distribute and disburse such moneys as may be appropriated by the Board of Directors for charitable purposes, as provided by Article Twenty-four, and to render an account of all such distributions and disbursements to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVI.

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Invitations, to invite and receive all guests of the Society at the Annual Festival; to select the speakers, and prepare and assign the toasts.

ARTICLE XVII.

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Annual Festival to make all arrangements, and to do and procure each and everything therefor, not herein otherwise provided to be done and procured.

ARTICLE XVIII.

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Publications to supervise such publications as the Recording Secretary

is required to make by Article Eight, and perform such other duties as may be assigned them by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIX.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The Annual Festival of the Society shall be held in the month of December, on such day as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XX.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

On the request in writing of any five members of the Society, the President, or if he be absent from the city, either of the Vice-Presidents, shall request the Secretary to call a special meeting of the Society. In compliance therewith, the Secretary shall cause a notice of such meeting to be published in two daily newspapers published in the City of Brooklyn, for three consecutive days prior thereto, and shall send (by mail, post-paid) a copy of such notice to each member of the Society.

ARTICLE XXI.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The President, or if he be absent from the city, either of the Vice-Presidents, or any three Directors, may request the Secretary to call a meeting of the Directors. In compliance therewith, the Secretary shall send (by mail, post-paid) to each Director, a notice of such meeting, at least one day prior thereto.

ARTICLE XXII.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE SOCIETY.

- 1st—Reading of Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
- 2d—Election of Members.
- 3d—Reports of Standing Committees.
- 4th—Report of Treasurer.
- 5th—Report of the President.
- 6th—Other Business.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS.

- 1st—Reading of the Minutes.
- 2d—Report of Committees.
- 3d—Election of Members.
- 4th—Report of Treasurer.
- 5th—Other Business.

ARTICLE XXIV.

CHARITIES.

If in the judgment of the Board of Directors, they are in need of it, the widow or children of any deceased member shall receive from the funds of the Society, a sum equal to five times the amount such deceased member has paid to the Society ; such sum to be paid in equal annual payments for five successive years after the decease of such member. The said annuity shall not be paid to any such

widow after she shall have married again, but shall be paid to such of the children as are not able to earn their subsistence.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESIGNATIONS.

All resignations of membership in the Society shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE XXVI.

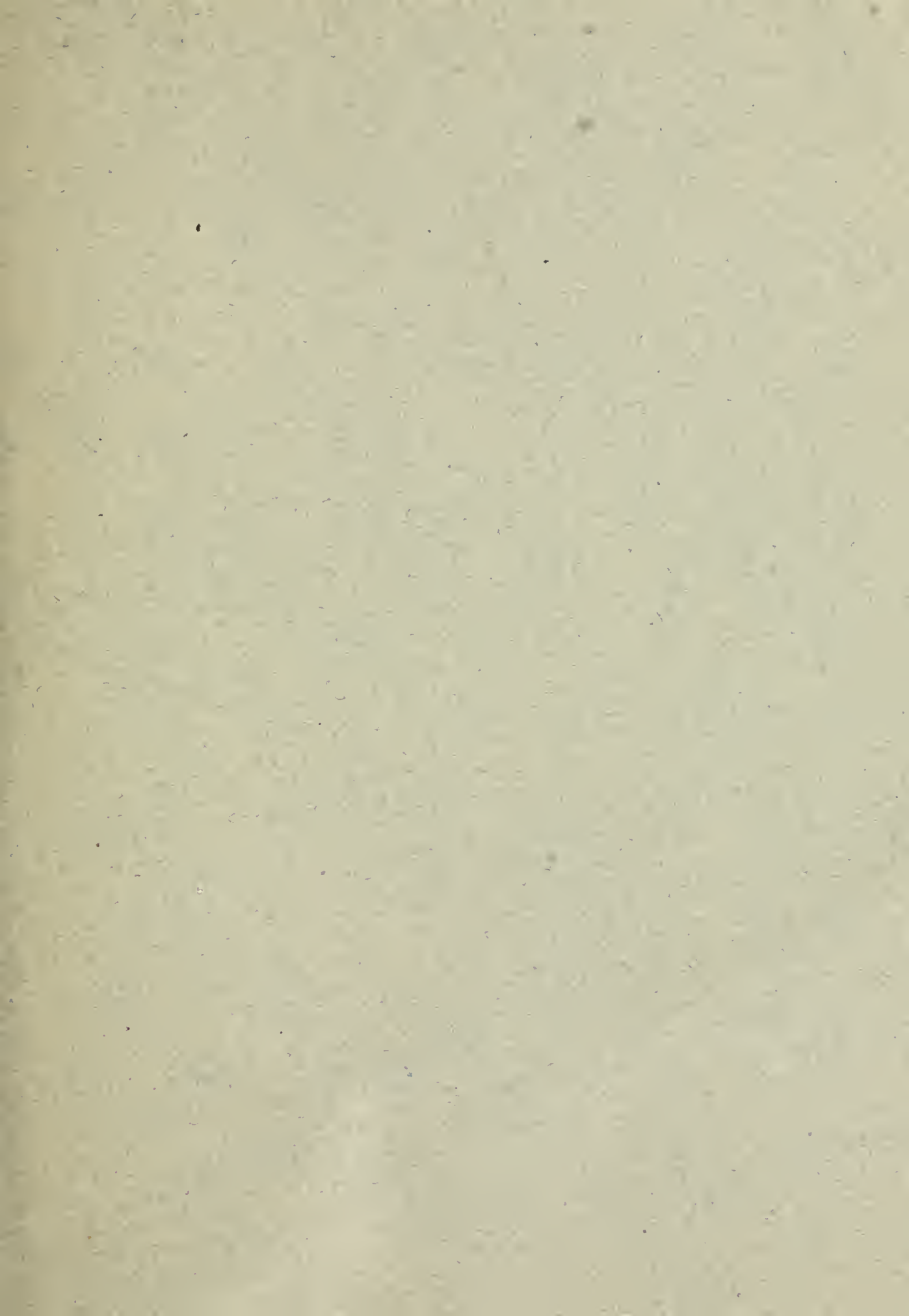
AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws of the Society may be altered or amended, by vote of two-thirds of all the Directors, provided that a written notice of such proposed alteration or amendment shall have been presented at a meeting of the Board held one month or more previous to the adoption thereof.

A true copy as adopted May 6, 1881.

A. E. LAMB,

Recording Secretary.



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